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The hon. Mr. N. E. Marjoribanks :—" Government are always prepared to examine further ; Government never keep their mind closed."

Mr. S. Satyamurti :—" It is news to us."

Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan :—" May I know if the Government makes any distinction between khadi as it is and the fact that this fund is supervised or controlled by a political organization ? "

The hon. Mr. N. E Marjoribanks :—" I do not understand what the hon. Member means by khadi. I take it that it means a piece of cloth."

Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan :—" May I know from the hon. the Revenue Member, Sir, whether if this All-India Spinners, Association did not have any connexion with the Congress then the Government would have no objection to Government servants subscribing to that fund ? "

The hon. Mr. N. E. Marjoribanks :—" That is a hypothetical question, Sir, which has not arisen yet."

Increments to unpassed clerks.

*513 Q.—Mr. C. N. Muthuranga Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue and the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware of the fact that in the Registration Department nearly 100 unpassed clerks were confirmed without specific exemption after the issue of G.O. No. 1021, dated the 6th August 1917, and prior to G.O. No. 991, Home (Judicial), dated the 29th July 1918, at a time when the minimum educational qualification for public service was that the candidate should hold a completed secondary school-leaving certificate ;

(b) whether the Government are also aware of the fact that such clerks were not under G.O. No. 164, Law (Education), dated the 4th February 1925, allowed to draw increments in the time-scale and that it was due to the fault of the respective heads of offices who failed to obtain the necessary exemption when exemption was indispensable ; and

(c) whether in view of the fact that many of unpassed clerks appointed after 29th July 1918, who are juniors with no better qualification than those who are affected by G.O. No. 164, Law (Education), dated the 4th February 1925, are being allowed to draw increments in the time-scale of pay, the Government will be pleased to allow these clerks also to draw increments in the time-scale ?

A.—(a) No.

(b) Government are aware that G.O. No. 164, Law (Education), dated 4th February 1925, laid down that exemption was necessary before certain clerks could rise in the time-scale.

(c) The Government are not aware of the fact alleged. If an unpassed clerk is exempted from the provisions of article 1 of the Public Service Notification he can draw increments in the time-scale.